

**Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boating
Management & Facility Assessment
WORK PLAN**

1. Create and Support Working Group

- A. Create a working group of public/private interests to guide ecologically sustainable management of non-motorized boating at Lake Tahoe. The Working Group will include public recreation agencies and public land owners/managers and engage representatives of other interest groups including: water trail advocates, Washoe, environmental, recreation and business interests, and private property owners. The Working Group will facilitate community involvement and guide development of the program. Working Group meetings will be open to the public and its members will serve as liaisons to public and private interests.

2. Develop Nature and Scope of Process

- A. Interview interest groups including but not limited to concessionaires, businesses, property owners, wildlife specialists, ecologists, recreation advocates. Identify key players, their interests, and resources available to the process. Use these interviews to inform development of the draft work plan and identification of the important issues relevant to program development. (Issue identification will continue through the community engagement strategy.)
- B. Working Group to consider issues highlighted in the interviews and develop shared values and guiding principles and a statement of intent. This will reflect the collaborative framework guiding the working group.

3. Complete Management/Facility Assessment

- A. Using the Lake Tahoe Water Trail Map information as a starting point, update facility data from the Regional GIS database (updated by other data as necessary).
- B. Collect public management regulations, policies, and provisions relevant to non-motorized boat access. Key elements include:
 - Launch/Landing - where to launch, time limitations on ingress/egress, parking restrictions, costs, restrictions on boat types.
 - Trail stops - how to access destination points, private property trespass issues, wildlife closures/restrictions, sensitive beach/backshore areas, Tahoe Yellow cress locations.
 - Safety - safe harbor locations, flotation devices, conflicts with motorized boats, nighttime restrictions, accident and trespass/violation reports.
 - Overnight - camping regulations, lodging opportunities.
 - Legal - identify laws and regulations regarding non-motorized boating (including safety-related requirements), legal framework for public access (different in California and Nevada), relationship to other regulations (e.g. shorezone development, fishing, etc.).
 - Staffing levels and trends (on-water and landside).

- C. Develop assessment criteria for facilities and management policies. Use information from user surveys, public input, and other sources to develop.
- D. Opportunities/Constraints Assessment. Using the assessment criteria, prepare an opportunities/constraints assessment for non-motorized boating management and facilities.
- E. Complete a water trail case studies report, identifying the similarities and differences between the existing non-motorized boat use on Lake Tahoe and water trails in other parts of the country.

4. Community Engagement

- A. Conduct User Survey. Conduct a non-motorized boat user survey to provide input into development of a non-motorized boating program consistent with the collaborative framework. The survey will tie from other boating surveys (motorized and non-motorized) and highlight the following information:
 - User characteristics
 - Facility needs
 - Safety issues
 - Education/information needs (signage, media, etc.)
- B. Community Outreach (Public Workshop/Listening Session). To help identify relevant issues and add to the information gathered in the user survey, engage the community through outreach efforts.

5. Review the Guiding Principles and Working Group Description

- A. In light of a comprehensive evaluation of the existing condition related to use of various non-motorized boats, review the use of the term "water trail" in describing current and future activities.

6. Develop Shared Management and Facility Objectives

















- A. Consider information generated and identify the scope and type of decision making envisioned. Refine the following process if needed. If necessary, initiate environmental review of the process.
- B. Based on work to date, develop common facility objectives that address:
 - Development or upgrade to meet location needs
 - Development or upgrade to meet quality needs
- C. Based on work to date, develop common management objectives that address:
 - Needs related to upgrade of existing services
 - Description of education/outreach needs
 - Management issues and responsibilities
 - Implementation strategies



- D. Develop implementation strategies specific to each land owner/management group to address management and facility objectives. Prioritize strategies and identify responsible parties and potential funding sources.

7. Develop Outreach Strategy

- A. As work progresses on other items, the Working Group will identify key issues and opportunities for outreach. Develop a coordinated outreach strategy with common themes, information, and outreach tools.

Lake Tahoe Water Trail Program -- Work Plan Process

	Winter 07-08	Spring 08	Summer 08	Fall 08	Winter 08-09	Spring 09	Summer 09
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2. Develop Nature and Scope of Process (Vision/Values)							
3. Complete Management/Facility Assessment							
4. Community Engagement							
5. Review Guiding Principles							
6. Develop Shared Management/Facility Objectives							
7. Develop Outreach Strategy							

-  Working Group Guidance/Participation
-  Broader Public Involvement

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